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DELEGATES TO THE ELEVENTH NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CAMP

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SOUTH CAROLINA

<u>Delegate</u>	<u>County</u>
Harris L. Beach	Colleton
Christine Currie.	Dillon
Henry F. Tindal	Sumter
Roberta Wheeler	Clarendon

Mr. Beach writes:

"While still in grammar school I joined the pig club and made a fair profit and learned a great deal about the fattening, breeding, feeding, and marketing of hogs. I continued my club work for 7 years, gradually increasing the number of enterprises. In the meantime, I began to exhibit my products at the county fair and won some prizes on them. Later on, the time came for choosing members for a county livestock-judging team. I was fortunate enough to win a place on the county, district and State teams.

"I continued my club work until in 1933. I graduated from high school with the intentions of going to college to study agriculture. My plans were broken up on account of financial difficulties, so it was necessary that I find some work to do. I got a job as an "Emergency Agriculture Teacher."

"I worked this job for about 2 years and then I decided to enter Clemson College. I had saved approximately enough money from my projects and my job to finance myself in college for 2 years. While in college I am still carrying on my 4-H club work at home and up here.

"The following are a few of the practices which I have learned in 4-H club work:

- "1. The value of keeping a set of accurate records.
2. Home mixing of fertilizers.
3. Building serviceable, inexpensive building for livestock.
4. Feeding, management, and care of pigs, poultry, bees, corn, and cotton.
5. Care of the farm orchard.
6. Increasing farm-home conveniences.
7. Cooperative buying and selling.

8. Value of pure seeds.
9. Value of organizations.
10. Beautification of the farm home."

"In our club meetings I have learned more about parliamentary procedure."

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Miss Currie has been interested in foods, gardening, room improvement, clothing, and poultry during the past 7 years.

Twice she has won second place in the county, and three times first place in the local club. She entered the county dress revue and the canning contests winning third in the dress revue and first in the county on canning. She exhibited her canning at the State fair, helped to lead groups at county camps, also helped on Rally Days. She has been vice president and secretary of the County Council, has won three trips to the State Short Course and one to the State fair, and has been secretary and president of her club.

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Mr. Tindal writes:

"I have always been interested in livestock but I did not have a pig of my own until a hog of my mother's died and left six little pigs. Mother told me that if I cared for the pigs she would give me one. After I did so well with those she continued to let me raise hogs on shares until I owned quite a few.

"Three years ago a 4-H club was organized at Pinewood, and, because I was interested in that kind of work, I joined the club.

"My pigs were not thoroughbred so I sold them and, with the money I received, bought two pure Duroc Jerseys from my uncle. I had always been partial to Durocs because my father and uncle had both raised them and I knew them to be fine hogs.

"I took very good care of my hogs with the help of my club leader, Mr. Clayton, and of Mr. Eleazer. With this care and by planting oats and corn for them, my pigs grew very fast. When it was nearly time for the fairs I put my hogs in a separate pen and gave them very special attention. I won at the county and State fairs that, my first, year.

"I joined the 4-H club for my second year and was elected president of the Pinewood Club. I studied my hogs very closely and entered the judging contest. I won out for Pinewood and was among the five best in Sumter

County. Again I entered my hogs in the county and State fairs and again won.

"Last fall when I realized that, on account of dry weather, my corn crop would not be sufficient for me to raise all my hogs, and since I did not want to sell them at the low prices, I decided to keep the finest ones for myself and to put the rest out on shares. I was to get back half of the pigs raised.

"I planted corn and oats for feed and also fenced in about 2 acres in which I planted soybeans and oats for grazing. We had a dry, hot summer, which means that the muscles in my arms got plenty of exercise pumping water for those pigs - and let me tell you that it takes some water for them too!

"In August my 4-H leader told me to begin getting some of my pigs ready for the fairs. I selected the ones I thought most likely to win, put them in a separate pen, and gave them extra care. Here I put into practice what I had learned in our "pig-judging contest." At last the time came to send them to the State fair. I had quite a time catching, crating, and getting them off to Sumter, where they were to be put on the train for Columbia. Sumter is 20 miles from home, so we took them there in a trailer behind the car. All six couldn't go at once so we had to make two trips. I reckon that the pigs were too frightened to realize the honor they had in going to the State fair but it was easy for me to realize it when I won 18 ribbons including a grand champion, a senior champion, and two junior champions in the open fair.

"I saw then just how much my work with them meant to me. It really has been work too, for with a little help from a colored boy, I plow, plant, and harvest my own corn, oats, and soybeans for feed. I also pay for fish-meal and other things that I have to buy.

"In 1934 I decided that I would continue with the pig-club work, and made 12 exhibits at the South Carolina State Fair and the Sumter County Fair, winning prizes. In addition I sold \$192.40 worth of hogs and a calf for \$20. I felt somewhat encouraged over my work.

"In 1935 I decided to add to my breeding project some fat hogs, and starting off in a small way I sold this year \$236 worth of hogs. I did not win so many prizes as in previous years because of the fact that the competition was stronger and the professional men from the Midwest exhibited more than they had in the past. After coming back from the State fair I decided that regardless of professional men, I was going to win in the production of hogs. This year I won at the State fair against the strongest competition I have ever had. In the 4-H club department I won first and second in all entries with the exception of one, and that entry won first and fourth. In competition with the professional showman I won second place on my junior yearling boar, and the boar that beat him was high in the winnings at the national swine show. One of my gilts placed third at the State fair, and the gilt that beat her placed high also in the national show.

"I have felt that South Carolina needed some new blood in Durocs, therefore, through the courtesy of the swine specialist and assistant county agent, we made a trip to Laxumont Farms in Wrightsville, Pa. and purchased a gilt whose dam was the 1935 world's champion at the National Swine Show.

"During 1936 I have been particularly interested in meat hogs, along with my breeding work. I have sold a total of \$1,046.34 worth of hogs. This includes the sale of the grand champion fat barrow at the 1936 State fair and also the grand champion pen of fat barrows at the 1936 State fair. I realized 16 cents per pound for two of these and 14 cents for the other one.

"In all my work I tried to be absolutely fair to the project. I pay my Mother rent for the land on which I grow my feed. I pay for my clothes out of my hog money and all of my other running expenses such as gasoline, nails, cement, wire and other miscellaneous articles, besides furnishing the greater portion of the meat for the family. At present I have 33 hogs and hope to market these when they have topped the market. All the hogs that I have sold this year have topped the market with the exception of two that were slightly under weight."

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Miss Wheeler has been a 4-H club member 5 years, during which time she has been interested in foods, clothing, and gardening.

On her judging of chickens and eggs she won first place and a loving cup, and in the garden contest she won first place in the district. Roberta has helped with 4-H pageants and programs, has been vice president of her club 3 years and president 2 years. She has been awarded a trip to the State Short Course and a trip to the State fair twice.

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